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## OFF-DUTY OFFICER INVOLVED IN FATAL SHOOTING

The Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office are investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal shooting by an off-duty Milwaukee Police Officer on Sunday, March 6, 2005 about 12:20 a.m. at S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Ohio Ave.

An officer assigned to the Department's Third District told investigators he was driving home from work when he noticed a car following him. The officer circled the area near S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Ohio Ave. to confirm he was being followed. The officer, who was in plain clothes, stopped and got out of the car to wave the driver past or to inquire why he was following him. The 25-year-old driver then accelerated his car toward the officer, striking him. The officer subsequently fired shots at the vehicle. The driver crashed a short distance away and attempted to flee. He then fell in a nearby alley where he was pronounced dead by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office.

The deceased is not being named pending the notification of his relatives and confirmation of his identity.

The officer was treated for his injuries at a local hospital and was released. He is 34 years old and has four years of service with the Department. As is standard operating procedure, the officer was placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation.

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